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The General Accounting Office is conducting a survey of opportunities to modify U.S. force structure suggested by foreign military services.

Basically, our work concentrates on identifying foreign country force structures and any changes that have been made to those structures over the last 20 years, determining what has been accomplished by the change, identifying what has been the problems or tradeoffs resulting from the change, and determining how the change might be applicable to the U.S. force structure. Numerous topics are covered in this endeavor that include the following

- the demographic projections of the supply of 18 year olds who must serve in the military,
- conscription vs. an all-volunteer force, the rationale for either, and how it is being managed,
- the use of women in the military,
- the role of reserves in the force structure,
- the consolidation of functions such as the 1968 Canadian unification,
- manpower requirements and how such requirements are affected by the retirement system,
- compensation practices, officer development, and training, and
- centralized decision making and control.

Currently, we are concentrating our efforts on the force structures of Canada, France, United Kingdom, West Germany, and the Soviet Union. We would like to discuss these topics as they relate to these countries and other countries CIA analysts may be aware of.